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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Greg Wong

Dear Mr. Morales:

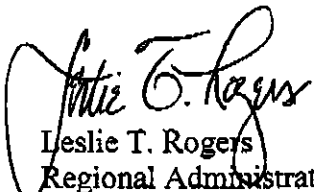
**SUBJECT: STIP AMENDMENT No. 1 – Madera County**


We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 to the Local Highway, State Highway and Transit Elements of the 2000/01 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). The programming modifications are within Madera County (not within the boundary of a Metropolitan Planning Organization), which is within an air quality nonattainment area. This amendment adds several State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects, one Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ) project and three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 projects.

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that the amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The approved changes made to the program by this amendment are exempt from the requirements that a conformity determination be performed. This finding has been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

This letter constitutes approval for inclusion of FSTIP Amendment No. 1 – Madera into California's 2000/01 FSTIP. Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval on individual projects is subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely,

  
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Federal Transit Administration

  
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